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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Deputy Director
(Science and Technology)

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SUBJECT: CGS Support for the DD/S&T

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Record, Dated
15 November 1963, from SA/DDS&T

We have received the referenced memorandum and the following comments concerning Collection Guidance Staff, DDI support of DD/S&T are forwarded for your consideration:

1. As written, referenced memorandum needs considerable clarification, as noted in paragraph 2 a.

2. Re paragraph 1 e. of reference, I strongly urge that CGS change the name of Ops Center to some other name to avoid conflict with the OSA OPCEN; the latter is an officially assigned and recognized cable address in the [REDACTED] channel in support of OSA activities.

3. I recommend that whenever CGS makes recommendations for the collection of intelligence involving assets that CGS coordinate with the operational division involved for feasibility, timely accommodation, etc.

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4. Re paragraph 1 f. of reference, there is certain information which DD/S&T needs on an immediate basis in support of operations from NPIC. Cooperation and coordination with NPIC has been established and is functioning on a satisfactory basis to both parties at this time. Such information as the location of new SAM sites and particular items relative to order of battle located in OSA area of interest cannot tolerate the bureaucracy of going through several channels for a timely survivability estimate and maximum safety of an operation.

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5. It is my understanding after reading the referenced paper, that the primary function of CGS will be to receive all CIA requirements, such as those submitted at COMOR in order that the CGS COMOR representative who is in fact the CIA representative on COMOR can act as the single agent for processing requirements. In addition, the CGS will have to be made knowledgeable in detail on all programs in the U. S. Government and -- whenever possible -- elsewhere, designed to collect intelligence data both covert and overt. They will have to have access to all operational details and all projects, including all assets, in order to determine within CGS the best means, the suitability and feasibility, in order that they may recommend specific assets to fulfill the requirement.

There is not in the subject paper a description of the functions and mission of the Ops Center of CGS. In view of the fact that the OPCEN in OSA already maintains a large volume of up-to-the minute information on Agency and DOD reconnaissance missions, we hope that this information will not necessarily be duplicated in the new Ops Center or that if it is, that the directorate of DD/S&T relieve OPCEN/OSA of its present responsibilities in these matters.

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